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When I Lost You

*I wish I could see you one more time, Come walking through the door...
But I know that is impossible, I will hear your voice no more.
I know you can feel my tears And you don't want me to cry,
Yet my heart is broken because I can't understand why someone
So precious had to die.
I pray that God will give me strength And somehow get me through...
As I struggle with the heartache That came When I Lost You.
FROM YOUR LOVING DAUGHTER,
LENAE*



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THE LIFE STORY OF

Linda MILLICENT HAIRSTON-MASON

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Linda Millicent Hairston-Mason was born June 1, 1949 to the late Clarence “Bliss” Hackett and her mother, Deleros Ross-Evans from Camden, New Jersey. She departed this life on Wednesday, November 27, 2024. Linda was the youngest to two girls and was always with her big sister Conchette Parrish-Wallace. Linda was affectionately known by her friends and family as one of the most loving, caring and kindhearted people you could ever meet.

Linda was educated in the Camden City Public school system where she graduated from Camden High School in 1968. She participated in many activities while attending middle school and high school, but her all time favorites was skating, bowling, dancing and softball. While attending high school, she received multiple awards for her perfect attendance and good grades. She was a part of the National Honor Roll Society and recieved a certificate of Proficiency.

Linda furthered her education by attending Rutgers University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972. Linda was known for her hard work, dedication, organization and intelligence. In 1972, the Probation Department of Camden County New Jersey certified her as a probation counselor. She received her certificate of appreciation for her volunteer service to Project Head Start. She would walk to the bus stop and then get on the train to get to work every day, no matter the weather.

When she started her career in the insurance field, she worked for Zurich-American Insurance Company, General Accident and the Philadelphia Contributionship Company where she retired in 2015, with over 40+ of service. Throughout all of her jobs, she would receive various award in recognition of her perfect attendance, hard work and sweet personality.

In 1980, she met and married Roger Winston Hairston. They were blessed with 22 years of marriage and together they have two beautiful, intelligent and successful children: Lenae Monique Hairston Zachary and Ryan Winston Hairston. Roger and Linda remained the best of friends until she went home to be with the Lord.

She rekindled an old high school flame and married Jerome “Jay” Mason in 2007. Unfortunately, six years later he passed unexpectedly. During those six years of marriage, he effortlessly poured into Linda with various affirmations of love.

Linda became a proud and faithful member of St. John Baptist Church in 1986 where she was fed the word of God, taught to spread that word beyond the walls of the place of worship and taught to use the word with her special gifts to introduce and bring others to Christ. She was a faithful member of the usher board where she was known for her distinctive march. Because of her marching gift, this led her to become the President of the junior ushers. She received a certificate of participation for the annual leadership conference, a certificate of appreciation and completed the School of Discipleship. She was also the president of the “Feed the Hungry” ministry, in honor of her late husband Jerome “Jay” Mason.

Linda fought the good fight for six years against a rare illness, but God kept her here amongst the living until he said, “Come home, with me, my child to everlasting peace and happiness. There is no more sickness, no more pain, Mom!

In Linda’s voice, “Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty I’m free at last!”

She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted, loving daughter, Lenae Zachary; her hardworking, soldier son, Ryan Hairston, one son-in-law, Hanif Zachary Sr.; one daughter-in-law, Erin L. McLean, 5 grandchildren; Darren Green, Nalae Zachary-Hairston, Hanif Zachary Jr., Journee Zachary, Ramzi Hairston; a loving mother, Deloras Ross Evans; a caring sister; Conchetta “Connie” Parrish Wallace, two nephews; Richard Wilkerson and the late Wayne Wilkerson, one niece; Nakisha Parrish, one aunt; Leodore Hall, and a host of great nieces/nephews, cousins and friends.



Order OF CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024 | 11:00 AM
ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH | 400 NORTH 30TH ST, CAMDEN, NJ 08105

Prelude	Organist
Processional	
Hymn	Blessed Assurance
Song of Adoration	song by, The Adorations
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	Rev. Jackie Bailey Moore - Isaiah 40:31
New Testament	Rev. Sherri Holland - John 14:1:3
Prayer of Comfort	Deacon Earl Sanders
Song of Exhortation	Pastor Kyle Sanders
Acknowledgments, Condolences and Resolutions	Barbara Primas
Obituary	Barbara Primas
Remarks	
Marcel Cook, President of St John Baptist	
Church usher board	
JC Ladies	
Ryan Hairston	
Song of Exhortation	First Lady Ida Townsend
Eulogy	Pastor Silas M. Townsend
Final Viewing	Song, “Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory
Recessional	